



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A CVC crew installs part of the steel foundation for a spiral staircase that will connect all three levels of the Senate Expansion Space.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/6/06 through 11/10/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Floor stone masons continue installing the step stones on the east central stairs in the Great Hall and have begun the remaining concrete, waterproofing and stone work around the adjacent water features at the base of the stairs.
- Mason teams have nearly completed setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, the adjacent vestibule area, the upper level east lobby overlooking the Great Hall, and the upper level circulation lobby leading to the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of floor stone continues in the North Orientation Theater while millwork installation continues in the South Theater.
- Installation of ceiling panels continues in meeting rooms and corridors near the Congressional Auditorium and in the Food Service area. The ceiling contractor will continue working six 10-hour days each week to maintain an increased pace of installation of ceiling panels throughout the CVC.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing ductwork, and the metal stud framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the east and west walls. Workers have completed installation of steel for a redesigned archway above the main central staircase and stone installation is expected to be completed this week. The ceiling contractor will then erect a new scaffold and begin framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs.



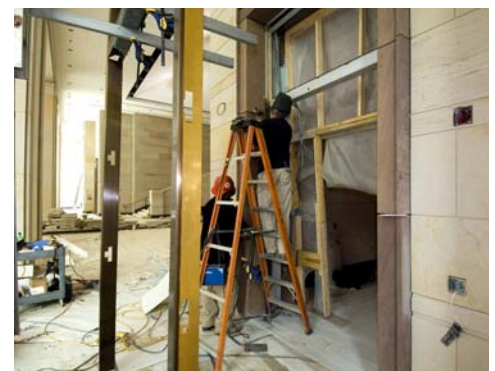
In the CVC's 16,500-square-foot Exhibition Hall, a worker continues ceiling panel installation in the Virtual Senate Theater.

- In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to assemble the steel framework for the marble wall that will house historic documents. Also in the Hall, the ceiling contractor continues to install the insulation, soundproofing and drywall boards to the ceiling grids in the Virtual House and Senate Theaters.
- Final ceiling work related to the installation of 28 mechanical light fixture winches is nearing completion in the Congressional Auditorium clearing the way for the scaffold in the Auditorium to be dismantled by mid-November.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls along the north side of the CVC entrance zone and the north entrance steps.
- The mechanical contractor has completed the chilled water balancing of the CVC's air handling units. Steam is now available to several units and two should be available to move fully conditioned air into the Great Hall by mid-November.

Next Week – 11/13/06 – 11/17/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Masons will continue to set stones on the steps at the east end of the Great Hall and continue other concrete and stone work for the fountains at the base of each staircase.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, around the Great Hall, and in the Orientation Theaters.
- Ceiling crews are expected to complete installation of fabric ceiling panels in the Food Service Area and continue in the upper and lower level corridors around the Great Hall and in the Exhibition Hall.
- Millwork installation will continue in the South Orientation Theater.
- Scaffolding will be erected in the East Front transition zone for the start of the ceiling grid above the central stairs and escalator paths.
- Exterior stone work will continue along the face of the CVC entrance zone.
- Ceiling close-in inspections, stone installation, and ceiling panel installation will occur in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Crews will begin installing metal framework for bulkheads in the House Committee Hearing Room.



Workers install a bronze framework to the threshold of the North Orientation Theater.

For additional information about the CVC project, contact the project communications officer, Tom Fontana, at fontana@ocg.gov or visit the project web site at www.ocg.gov. Be sure to click on the "Capitol Visitor Center" link on the homepage.